

## ABSTRACT

### Master/slave apparatus for receiving audiovisual programs

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The present invention relates to an apparatus for receiving an audiovisual program comprising a circuit for communication with means of connection to a bidirectional communication network, wherein the apparatus comprises

- a first connector for communication with a master apparatus;

- a second connector for communication with a peripheral apparatus;

- a means of transmission of a supply voltage on the first connector originating from the master apparatus;

- means of detection of the presence of the supply voltage on the first connector, the means of detection controlling a switching circuit for going from a master mode of operation of the apparatus in relation to the peripheral apparatus in the case of the absence of the voltage, and from a slave mode of operation in relation to the master apparatus when the voltage is present.

Figure 1A